

Amendments to the Specification

(1) Replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-7, with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial Number 10/194,784 filed July 12, 2002, allowed, which is a continuation of application serial no. 09/155,581, filed September 29, 1998, which is a National Phase application of International Application serial no. PCT/IB97/00403, filed April 1, 1997, which claims priority to German application serial no. 196 12 966.4, filed April 1, 1996. The disclosure of each of the foregoing is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.